

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President David Acosta.

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas

President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Sandy Forosisky, Economic Development Director
Aaron Melnick, Community Development Director

Vice President Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 15, 2021 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall on;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

Vice President Acosta asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis invited Council members to ride in his car(s) for the Christmas parade this Saturday evening.

Aaron Melnick, Community Development Director and Sandy Forosisky, Economic Development Director distributed fact sheets to the governing body outlining the proposal for the city's proposed purchase of 802 Cambridge Place. They noted that the proposal is to purchase the building using 100% grant funding. The building is being proposed as a facility for Code Blue, as well as, potentially, a health department vaccination clinic location; other educational activities for the health department; a voting polling place; local recreational league activities; etc. History has shown that the Code Blue component is typically used 45 days of the year, with up to 35 guests at any time. The doors close at 9 p.m., and recent past experience has shown minimal police calls to Code Blue facilities. There was extensive discussion and questioning by City Council members. Concerns included the location, with close proximity to a residential area, and no outreach to-date to the neighbors about the concept. There was also concern about the kitchen, whether it is a 'cooking' kitchen or a 'warming' kitchen. When it was suggested that the facility, if not accepted by City Council, could be a cannabis facility, Councilman Franceschini interjected that he proposes the change the cannabis ordinance to allow for a distance from such licensed cannabis businesses to residential areas – similar to the distance restriction for proximity to churches and schools. Administrator Dickenson questioned who is required to have a Code Blue facility. It was noted by Ms. Forosisky that the County has that responsibility, but they gave the three cities \$25,000 each to establish centers. Mr. Dickenson suggested that perhaps it might be best to return the money and not have the city host it. He noted potential litigation to the city, and the fact that our experience shows that many of the homeless people now in Vineland, were never residents here. Overall, more information needs to be sifted by the governing body before

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

Resolution 2022-489, exercising option to renew contract C21-0085 for modernized payment solutions, was revised by the Finance department. Resolution 2022-491, authorizing a contract award to a state contract vendor, R.F. Design and Integration, Inc., Philadelphia, PA, for R.F. Design radio booster install at Clayville Generating Station, in the amount not to exceed \$30,849.56, was revised.

Resolution 2022-505, providing for the insertion in the Calendar Year 2022 budget of the City of Vineland a special item of revenue made available by revenue realized from the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Urban Enterprise Zone Authority in the amount of \$318,000.00 and an appropriation in said budget for like sum and purpose, was added. Resolution 2022-506, providing for the insertion in the Calendar Year 2022 budget of the City of Vineland a special item of revenue made available by revenue realized from the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Urban Enterprise Zone Authority in the amount of \$225,000.00 and an appropriation in said budget for like sum and purpose, was added. Resolution 2022-507, authorizing the director of the Department of Licenses & Inspections to issue various original and/or renewal licenses for the year 2023, was added. Resolution 2022-508, authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative, Pennsauken, NJ and the City of Vineland for teen outreach program to prevent unplanned teen pregnancy, was added. Resolution 2022-509, providing for the insertion in the Calendar Year 2022 budget of the City of Vineland a special item of revenue made available by revenue realized from Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative, sexual risk avoidance education (SRAE) in the amount of \$47,500.00 and an appropriation in said budget for like sum and purpose, was added. Resolution 2022-510, providing for the insertion in the Calendar Year 2022 budget of the City of Vineland a special item of revenue made available by revenue realized from a state of NJ, division of highway traffic safety, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over year-end holiday crackdown 2022 grant, in the amount of \$12,500.00 and an appropriation in said budget for like sum and purpose, was added.

Resolution 2022-511, providing for the transfer of certain Calendar Year 2022 budget appropriations balances, was added.

The Clerk reminded all members that since next week is the fifth Tuesday of the month, no meeting is scheduled.

Vice President Acosta entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
Vice President Acosta

ATTEST:

David Acosta
Vice President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk